IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) An exhaust gas purifying catalyst comprising a composite oxide having a perovskite structure represented by the general formula (1):

 $ABRhO_3$ (1)

wherein A represents at least one element selected from the group consisting of La, Nd, and Y rare-earth elements each having a valence of 3 as the only valence and arbitrarily including Ce and/or Pr; and B represents Al and/or at least one element selected from transition elements excluding Co, Rh and the rare earth elements the group consisting of Fe, Mn, and Al.

- 2. (Canceled).
- 3. (Canceled).
- 4. (Canceled).
- 5. (Original) The exhaust gas purifying catalyst according to claim 1, wherein Pt is further supported.
 - 6. (Canceled).